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SUBJECT: VIDELA'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY SPEECH

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1. TO COMMEMORATE HIS FOUR YEARS IN OFFICE, PRESIDENT VIDELA ADDRESSED THE NATION ON MAR 31. THE MAJOR THRUST OF VIDELA'S SPEECH WAS THE RETURN OF ARGENTINA TO RESPECTABILITY IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD. ACCORDING TO VIDELA ARGENTINA, DUE TO ITS SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN ENERGY AND ABUNDANCE OF FOOD ETC., IS IN THE POSITION OF BEING ABLE TO NEGOTIATE FROM STRENGTH WITH OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. "CONSIDERING OUR STRONG SITUATION AT HOME AND ABROAD, WE CAN SAY THAT TODAY OUR COUNTRY HAS NEGOTIATING POWER". VIDELA WENT ON TO SAY "IN THE CASE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH IMPORTANT WORLD POWERS, WHICH WERE STALLED, THE NEW AND POSITIVE TURN IN THEM IS PUBLICLY EVIDENT" AND IS A CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR COMPREHENSION OF OUR SITUATION."

2. DURING THE 45 MINUTE SPEECH VIDELA ALSO TOUCHED ON THE FOLLOWING:

A) HUMAN RIGHTS -- "THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION, WHICH SOME SECTORS OF OBVIOUS LEANINGS TRIED TO USE IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT THE COUNTRY AND HURT ITS PEOPLE, WAS FACED WITH ABSOLUTE DECISION AND RESPONSIBILITY... THERE WAS A WAR, WHICH HAS CONCLUDED WITH THE DEFEAT OF THE AGGRESSORS IN THE MILITARY FIELD, AND IT HAS BEEN OPENLY DEMONSTRATED THAT VIOLENCE IS NOT A VALID ALTERNATIVE IN OUR COUNTRY... ARGENTINE HAS NOTHING TO HUSH UP AND NOTHING TO HIDE. ARGENTINE HAS ITS REALITY AND ITS TRUTH."

B) THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL REORGANIZATION -- "... ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO ESTABLISH, AT THE RIGHT MOMENT, A REAL DEMOCRACY WHICH CANNOT BE MERELY AN END, BUT ALSO A MEANS BY WHICH ARGENTINES CAN FIND TRUE FULFILLMENT WITH DIGNITY IN A CLIMATE OF FREEDOM."

C) INFLATION --- "THE HYPERINFLATIONARY TENDENCY REGISTERED AT THE BEGINNING OF 1976 WAS COUNTERED THANKS TO GRADUAL MEASURES, WHICH WE APPLIED IN ORDER THAT ANTI-INFLATIONARY ORTHODOXY, IN ITS ABRUPTNESS WOULD NOT BE A DETERMINING CAUSE OF SOCIAL UNREST."

D) ENERGY -- "(THE DEVELOPMENT OF) AN ENERGY PLAN THAT WILL ALLOW US TO TRIPLE GENERATING CAPACITY, VIRTUAL OIL SELF-SUFFICIENCY... ARE SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS THAT WE CAN PROUDLY EXHIBIT, BORN

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